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Title: USE OF AN ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER FOR  
ECHOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION OF HUMAN OR ANIMAL  
BODY TISSUES OR ORGANS IN PARTICULAR OF THE  
EYEBALL POSTERIOR SEGMENT

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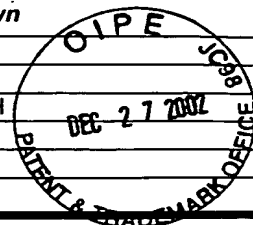
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